

# PTA

## The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

### HAMILTON

Hamilton PTA president, Mrs. Donald Luce, will ask for an Association vote at the next meeting to support the Child Guidance Center after a recommendation was made to Hamilton PTA board following a visit to the center by committee members Mmes. William Atkinson, William Nickerson, Stan Stanci and Joseph Kettering.

Dental Health chairman of Hamilton PTA, Mrs. William Atkinson attended the Torrance Dental Health Association meeting in February and helped with the dental check-ups at the school.

### MADRONA

Madrona cafetorium on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. will be the scene of the "Madrona PTA Laugh-In Minstrel." In true minstrel fashion, the audience will be entertained with the sparkling comedy of today and the best loved songs of yesteryear, written by Dick Cicotti, and presented by Founders Day chairman Mrs. Connie Rold.

Mrs. Charles Hornbeck, Honorary Life chairman, announced that an Honorary Life recipient has been chosen and will be presented on Founders night.

Nominating committee chairman, Mrs. Alicia Mizera, announces that the slate of officers has been filled and nominations will be open at the meeting.

### MEADOW PARK

Monday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafetorium. Meadow Park PTA will have a special Parent Education meeting. A committee of High School students, under the direction of O.R. Sweet, sociology teacher at South High School will discuss the use of dangerous drugs among teenagers today. After the panel discussion, the meeting will divide into buzz-sessions for in-depth exploration of the problems of drug abuse confronting youth today.

### HOWARD WOOD

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m., parents and students are invited to attend an exhibition match presented by the Torrance High Wrestling team.

The Honorary Life committee will also present Honorary Life Awards at this meeting to two outstanding members of the PTA.

On Thursday, Feb. 27, and Friday, Feb. 28, the PTA will hold a Daffy Apple sale from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at both the front and back gates of the school. These delicious apples on a stick are covered with red candy caramel, dipped in chopped nuts, and placed on a doily.

### CASIMIR

"Honoring Our Founders and Leaders" is the theme of the Casimir PTA association meeting on Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. The flag salute will be led by Cub Scout Den 2.

Honorary Life Membership Awards will be announced by Mrs. Thomas Bezdeka, chairman, with the girls from Brownie Troop 1293 assisting in the presentation.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting at which time Casimir parents will have the opportunity to meet the new principal, Robert Gray.

### EDISON

At the annual Spaghetti Dinner-Founders Day Program, Edison PTA conferred an Honorary Life Membership upon Mrs. B. J. Jones. In past years, Mrs. Jones has been active in Babe Ruth League, Girl Scouting and PTA. She is serving as leader of a Cadette Troop at present. Dr. Frank Tyrell, principal, accepted the award for Mrs. Jones, who was ill.

An Honorary Award was given to Mrs. Lorraine Atherly, who has been Edison's Crossing Guard for 12 years. In this capacity, she has served longer than any other Crossing Guard in Torrance and has been praised by administration, faculty, parents and students for her concern and welfare of the children.

### YUKON

Last night's meeting of Yukon Elementary PTA was designated as Birthday Night by Mrs. Ronald Craig, president. To commemorate PTA's Birthday the board presented a skit directed by Mrs. Louis Gilpin, Founders Day Chairman. Several teachers presented a skit to celebrate Yukon School's 10th Birthday. Music was provided by Mr. Kenneth Pipes' Yukon Band. Topping off the evening, Room Mothers served Birthday Cake at the social hour.

### WALTERIA

Mrs. Nelson Cullum, chairman for the evening of Walteria PTA, presented Honorary Life Membership Awards to Mrs. Jack Burgan, and Larry K. Miller. A donation to the Honorary Life and Founders Day fund will be made in the names of these newest members.

Nominations for officers of Walteria PTA for the 1969-70 term were presented as follows: Mmes. Albert Carpenter, president; Richard Span, Jack Burgan, Homer Stahler, Mr. Larry Miller, vice presidents; Mmes. Don Carter, recording secretary; Richard Ollivares, corresponding and financial secretary; W.N. Diefenbach, treasurer; Fred Galindo, historian; and Mr. Brown, auditor. The nominations were closed and the election will take place on March 13 at the association meeting.

Future activities include: Juvenile Cake Drive Feb. 27, Bike Rodeo, March 7; and a Fashion Show in the near future.

### SEASIDE

Seaside PTA will present a program entitled "Special Attraction-Our Town" in the school cafetorium on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature two American Field Service Exchange students. Mrs. Avis Creech, speech chairman of AFS, will bring Nora Pinon of Uruguay and Bill Davis of Torrance, who was in Turkey last year. The students will discuss their experiences as exchange students.

Mrs. Ronald Davis, Honorary Life and Founders Day chairman, will be featured, and will direct Girl Scout Troop 565 in a skit culminating in the presentation of the annual Honorary Life Membership Award. Hostesses for the evening will be parents of students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Girl Scout Troop 565 will lead the flag ceremony.

The bike rodeo originally scheduled in February had to be postponed until March. On Feb. 10, a group of eight teenage students, directed by Mr. Sweet of South High School, presented a program on narcotics to interested parents of Seaside.

## State Prexy Will Visit Rebekahs

Carolina B. Bond, president of the Rebekah Assembly, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of California, will pay an official visit to the Torrance Rebekah Lodge 347, Wednesday evening, Feb. 26 at 8 at 1845 Plaza del Amo Blvd. She will be accompanied by other elected and appointed officials of Rebekah Assembly, and members of her staff.

Table decorations will carry out the president's colors, red, white and blue with American Beauty red roses as the floral theme.

Serving on the entertainment committee with Mrs. Loren Oden, noble grand, and Mrs. James Marshbanks, vice grand, are Mmes. Mary Chiara, Fred Baker, Myrtle Brown, Myra Snow, William Brown, Richard Cozart, Howard Beach, Juanita McNew and Glada Yost.

Members of all Rebekah lodges are invited to attend.



### Halldale Honors Two

Halldale School PTA took time out at its meeting Wednesday to pay special tribute to two persons for their outstanding service to youth by presenting them with Honorary Life Memberships. At the presentation are, from left, Mrs. Harold Kirchmann, PTA president, Mrs. Raymond Roe and Mrs. Mary Halverson, recipients of the Honorary Memberships; and Miss Irene Hovan, Halldale principal.

## Air Force Wives' Club Offers Scholarships

Air Force Officers' Wives Club announces that it will again offer two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to male or female graduating high school seniors, who are dependents of members of the United States Armed Forces assigned to or residing in the Los Angeles area.

To be eligible, the applicant must be the dependent of an active duty or retired officer or noncommissioned officer, who is a member of Los Angeles Air Force Station Officers Open Mess or NCO Open Mess and whose wife is a member of the Los Angeles Officers Wives

Club or NCO Wives Club, or dependent of a widow of deceased military personnel if she is a member of either of the clubs.

Funds for these scholarships are provided by the Officers' Wives by proceeds from their annual Christmas Bazaar and other ways and means projects.

Completed applications must be returned no later than April 15 for consideration by the selection committee. Further information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. C. M. Bennett IV, 524 Cluster Lane, Redondo Beach.

## Mrs. M. Jones Statewide To Hostess Tea Honors Rush Party Mrs. O. Bry

Mrs. Morten Jones, vice president of Xi Nu Upsilon-Exemplar Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, will hold the chapter's annual rush party in her home on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

The theme of the evening will be "International Cuisine," with members preparing a dish from different foreign lands.

The rushees are all members of Beta Sigma Phi who have belonged to a ritual of jewels Chapter for at least four years and are ready to progress to the Exemplar degree.

The invited guests are Mmes. Charles Carlson, Alan Kremer, John Shelter, Earl Williams, Walter Williams, Stanley Dales, L.C. McCarley, Keith Thyron, Ted Ronholm, Dan Palmer and Louis Brownlee.

Also invited are Betty McClendon and Murial Petrich.

### Beta Gamma

Preceptor Beta Gamma chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, will meet Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. at the home of Virginia Grummett, Los Angeles.

Preceding the business meeting, Theo Martin will present a cultural program on the periods of sculpture.

Members from Torrance are Mmes. Charles Lockwood, Edward Porter, and Miss Ruth Phelps.

### Returns Home

Mrs. Gertrude Matthews has returned to her home at 2228 Gramercy Ave. after spending the past nine months in Seattle, Wash. with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Matthews.

## Brace Fund To Benefit From Las Ninas Sale

Members of Las Ninas, young women's philanthropic group, will hold a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1 at Von's Market, Peninsula Center.

Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Brace Fund for Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles. The group is affiliated with Las Madrecitas, South Bay Auxiliary to the Orthopaedic Hospital.

Miss Pepper Black is chairman of the event. Las Madrecitas advisor to the group is Mrs. John Gale, of Palos Verdes Estates.



### New Principal Honored

Robert Scott Gray, new principal of Casimir Elementary School, Torrance, was guest of honor at a tea given at the home of the PTA president, Mrs. Jack Davitian, Monday. Pictured receiving his PTA membership card from Mrs. Davitian is the new principal. He replaces Edwin Brown, who was recently promoted to the position of curriculum coordinator.

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## Homemaking Not Enough Modern Woman Plays Dual Role

"Home economics is no field for the weak. Most women must be prepared for a dual role in life—that of wage earner as well as homemaker."

So said Mrs. Mary Long, curriculum consultant for Torrance Unified School District, at the February luncheon meeting of the Educational Council of Torrance.

Recent trends in the teaching of home economics in the schools were featured during a program which attracted an audience of 200.

Among the factors affecting new curriculum, Mrs. Long said, are: today's mobility of population, increased numbers of older citizens, increased home ownership, increased urban population, earlier marriages, increased number of working mothers, increased family instability, additional

leisure time, and higher standards of living.

"As important as they are," she stated, "training in cooking and sewing alone will no longer fit the needs of the homemaker of today."

Other skills today's student is taught in Torrance schools include: Budgeting, judicious buying — including buying on credit — nutrition, good grooming, making a home attractive, getting along with others, and caring for children.

## Auxiliary To Hear Talk On Diet-Exercise

South Bay District Hospital Auxiliary will hold its monthly luncheon-meeting at noon Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Lobsater House in Redondo.

Dr. Ronald Piccirillo, specialist in Internal Medicine and Cardiology, will speak on "The Risk Factors in Diet and Exercise." There will also be a film "Eat to Your Heart's Content."

## Alpha Betas To Meet Monday

The meeting of Preceptor Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority will be held in the home of Mrs. Lester Mayfield, 4350 W. 171st St., Lawndale, Monday at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Henry Lightenburger, program chairman, will introduce the cultural program for the evening, which will be "Papier-Mache-Touche" presented by Mrs. Fran Nichols. Following the program there will be a short business meeting conducted by Mrs. Andrew Foster, president.

To provide extra homemaking skills to youngsters with special needs, Mrs. Long pointed out, Torrance schools recently began offering an extended home economics curriculum to seventh and eighth grade girls at two schools on a trial basis in hopes of preventing later dropouts.

In addition, Torrance has begun offering home economics training to educable mentally retarded children.

Torrance teachers began preparing for the new emphasis in home economics during the summer of 1967, Mrs. Long stated, when a committee of administrators and elementary and high school teachers met to draw up a revised Home Economics Guide.

After teachers throughout the district had a chance to try out the preliminary guide for a year, they offered suggestions for improvement. Members of the 1968 summer committee incorporated their suggestions in the final version of the guide which was completed in August and is presently in use in the classrooms.

A slide presentation of home economics activities in elementary schools was narrated by Mrs. Theora Webber, teacher.

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The Pacific Telephone, Torrance Community Relations Team have volunteered to be campaign workers. These are men who live and/or work in Torrance and want to show their interest in the community by working for this worthy cause.

The telephone men who will be calling on Torrance Businesses this month are Chet Driggers, Pat Garvey, Hal Lindborg, John Kean and Jim Conn.

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School teachers have provided us with many a rib-ticking observation by the younger generation. One fifth grade teacher received the following ponderously thought-out comparison in a composition about the telephone: "There are something like 100 million telephones in America today. One hundred million is bigger than the largest known whale."

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